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To: adoptionregs@state.gov
Subject: malpractice insurance

As an adoption professional, I am concerned about whether you will have some regulations regarding liability claims filed to an accredited agency's malpractice insurance. After seeing what malpractice suits have done to the medical profession, we are very worried about seeing this same trend in adoptions. Many states are working hard on capping liability payments to patients suing their doctors; what will be done to ensure the same scenario won't happen to adoption agencies?

Thanks,
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Subject: Comments on Comments on 22 CFR Parts 96 and

Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption; Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000; Accreditation of Agencies; Approval of Persons; Preservations of Convention Records; Proposed Rules

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To Whom It May Concern:

The following comments are recommendations I have as an advocate for ethical adoptions. I been active in international adoption issues since 1995. I worked for a state licensed international adoption agency as the international director for four years and also worked as an adoption specialist for two years prior to that.

Subpart B,

§ 96.6

Many STATE licensing departments do not keep nor do they even respond to complaints unless the complaints directly state what State regulation was broken this would be unfair to many agencies due to the different procedures followed by each State licensing department. State licensing departments should NOT be approved to accredit agencies, as this would not create a level accreditation process.

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Should not have any board member or employee that works with or for an adoption provider or is related to by marriage an adoption provider.

(In my state of residence, several complaints were lodged against a certain international adoption agency, but since the director of the state adoption licensing office is personal friends with the adoption agency against whom the complaint was lodged, the complaints were not followed up neither were they passed on to later inquiring potential adoptive parents. Instead, the state office has stated, in writing, that they have not ever received a complaint on an agency. However the complainants have also received, in writing, a letter from the state office stating the complaint will be investigated. So there is paper evidence on both sides.)

96.35 Each agency should work with and hire only employees of the highest standard similar to standards required by schools and child care facilities.

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(g) Evaluates the moral character of their employees and any other associate, contract provider

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Respectfully yours,

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